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PIPAVAV POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had given commitment to the State of Gujarat for supply of adequate quantity of gas for the Pipavav Power Project from Tapti gas fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Government of Gujarat has expressed its concern for not being able to implement the Pipavav Power Project because of non-supply of gas despite Centre's commitment in the past; and

(d) if so, the reasons for going back on its commitment which is leading to grave injustice to the Saurashtra region for whose development this power project is very crucial?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d): On the request of the State Government of Gujarat, an 'in principle' allocation of natural gas to the extent of 2.25 MMSCMD was made in June 2000 for the 650 MW gas based power project at Pipavav in Gujarat. This allocation was effective from 2003, subject to the condition that the Management Committee of the Tapti field takes investment decision for additional development of the field. The development plan for production of additional gas from the mid and South Tapti fields has been approved by the Management Committee of the field. The State Government has requested to supply natural gas to Pipavav Power Project. The developers of the Pipavav Project have been advised to tie up with the Panna Mukta and Tapti (PMT) Joint Venture (JV) for supply of gas from the projected additional production of PMT JV.